ONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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jARCOLLEGIATE FIELD-DAY.

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ment-Things Looks Prosperous.

BLACKSBURG, VA., March 26.-(Special.)-March has given us a generous and well-earned credit for the very disagreeable weather which February dealt out to us with no stinted hand. There have been no high and cold winds, such as we usually have, and the whole month has been more like April than its own usually blustery self. As a consequence, the farmers are well advanced in their work, and all crops and vegetation have grown wondrously. One can no longer recognize the wheat-fields as the same as those seen a few weeks ago. Though vegetation is greatly advanced, the fruit-trees have been more backward than ordinarily, and scarcely any have bloomed There is, therefore, a prospect for a good fruit year, which means much to our people, with whom this has become of late years a very profitable industry. A large apple crop means many dollars in the pockets of our farmers.

INTERCOLLEGIATE FIELD-DAY.

Hampden-Sidney College, Washington and Lee University, the Virginia Poly-technic Institute, and Roanoke College have formed an intercollegiate field-day association. A meeting of the representatives of these four institutions will be held at an early day, either in Lynchburg or Roanoke, to arrange for an in-tercollegiate field-day contest. Professor J. W. Stull is the delegate chosen to represent the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at this meeting. It is desired that other colleges will join the association later.

minister, and pastor of the Franklin-Square church, Baltimore, has been in-vited to deliver the sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association of the institute at the commencement. The association was greatly pleased at his ready acceptance, and they are fortunate to secure him. Mr. Woods is not only a finished orator, but a much admired writer and finished literary culture.

The address before the Maury and Lee

Literary societies will be delivered on Monday morning, the 13th of June, by Captain R. S. Parks, the distinguished representative of Page county in the last House of Representatives. He is well known to all Virginians by the reputafederate Veterans, a reputation which gives every assurance of a very fine address before the societies at the finals.

encement orators, with the exception of the orator before the Society of the Alum-ni, Mr. S. Hamilton Graves, of Roanoke, who was chosen for this place, having written that business engagements made it impossible for him to perform the duty. Dr. John M. McBryde, Professor of English at Hollins Institute, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

DR. M'BRYDE TO GO TO EUROPE. Dr. McBryde, who is a Ph. D. of Johns Hopkins, is thoroughly devoted to his work, and, it is said, contemplates spending several months this year in Europe, in order to continue and exten! his

Captain C. E. Vawter, the rector of the Board of Visitors of the institute, spent Sunday and Monday here, as the guest of

The Presbyterians of Blacksburg are very anxious to build in the near future a new church on a different site. In order thorized the pastor, Rev. James laday, to travel and selicit funds for this purpose. He will probably visit first Roa-Lynchburg, Petersburg, Norfolk, and Danville. It is earnestly hoped that he may be successful in his efforts, as a new church here is almost a necessity.

A meeting of the Executive Committee

will be held probably in Roanoke on the 6th of April on important matters of busi-President McBryde and the treasurer, Mr. Charles I. Wade, will probably

attend the meeting.

The fine farm of Mr. Joseph Searles, in the southern portion of the county, was sold this week for a little more than 830 an acre, subject to the widow's dower, This is considered a good price, in view of the tightness of money. Indeed, farm-ing lands in the county have never been very low, notwithstanding the fact that Montgomery weathered the gale of two boom towns, Elliston and Radford,

Professor George W. Miles, the principal of St. Albans Academy, has been absent from the county recently, in attendance of a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia.

Our merchants are laying in for spring and summer trade a large and handsome stock of goods, a very good evidence that money is much easier than for several years past, for no people are more quick to detect the public pulse than they.

The greenness of the pasture-fields will elieve our cattle-men from the necessity of any further feeding this season, a great saving to them, both in labor and hay This is especially fortunate, in view of the fact that the last year's hay crop was a short one, and many feared hay would be very scarce this spring. The early appearance of grass removes all fears on this score, and the generous rain which fell softly and gently on Thursday and Friday will make it grow so fast that

one may almost see it. OF PERSONAL INTEREST. Mr. E. Buck, of Waynesboro', and Mr. W. E. Grant, of Grantland, Henrico county, both of whom have sons in the insti-

tute, spent a day or two here this week, on a visit to them. Little Davis, a son of Rev. James M. Holladay, was very severely scalded this

week by turning over a pan of boiling himself. I am glad to say though, that he is getting along very nicely, and promises to be well again before very long.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaeffer (nee Childress), who were recently married, have returned from their bridal tour, and are now at home to their friends, at the home of Mrs. Childress, in Christians-

Near Salem may be seen what we suppose is one of the largest apple orchards in the State. A company of gentlemen have recently put out 45,000 trees. When one reflects that this covers about 1,300 acres of ground, the size of the orchard can be appreciated.

Mr. J. W. Sample, formerly Dr. Troch-ling's assistant in Richmond, but recently appointed chemist at the Iron-Gate fur-naces, is an alumnus of the Virginia Military Institute, having graduated here

The health of Mr. Giles Henderson, at old and highly-respected citizen of the county, still continues very feeble.

One to two pounds each week increase



prepared by the famous Anheuser-useh Brewing Association, which fact guarantees the purity, excellence, and

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Strong men and strong women make a nation strong. Neither can be strong without good health, and neither can have good health without pure blood. This is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine, is America's Greatest Defense. A nation that takes millions of bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla every year is building a foundation of health and strength, the wisdom of which will surely show itself in years to come in materially raising the health and strength standard of every community.

on one of my limbs which troubled me for four years. I was told that it must

medicine purified my blood. I am now sound and well and able to do a good day's work. "NATHANIEL PENNINGTON."

be cut out as the only chance for re-

covery. I bought a few bottles of Hood's

Sarsaparilla and began taking it, and this

Mother and Son. WINCHESTER, VA .- "My little boy has been troubled every spring for the past four or five years by an eruption covering his body and limbs. In fact, it was so bad he could not get his shoes and stockings on the whole summer through. Last spring I heard of Hood's Sarsaparilla testimonials. They tell of things worth telling:

"An eruption came on my neck below my left ear, which caused me much annoyance, and as it continued to grow worse, I finally became alarmed. It refused to yield to ordinary treatment, and I consulted a physician, who pronounced it a severe case of eczema. He said it would take a long time to cure it. I followed his prescriptions for eight months, and not obtaining any relief, I went to another physician. He also called the trouble eczema, and said it was the worst case he ever saw. I obtained no relief from medicines and became very anxious.

Sarsaparilla did for me. I was sick for over a year, and in a miserable condition. When not confined to my bed, I was extremely nervous, barely able to crawl around, with no strength or ambition. I had worked very hard and become all run down. I could not sleep, would have very bad spells with my heart, and my stomach was in a terrible condition. I had dreadful neuralgia pains in my side and would be dizzy and have such bad feelings in my head that I could not walk across the room. I was sometimes afraid I would be insane. Sometimes my heart would beat so hard and fast! O, I cannot begin to tell you all I suffered

Defense

to speak in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I was miserable and dull all the time; had the blues, and could not enjoy the least fun; I felt sick all over. I could no sleep, eat, or work with satisfaction, Such awful dyspepsia, distress, and cramps in my stomach! My shop was but half square from my house, and I was obliged to go home two or three times in a day to take some medicine or hot water to relieve the pain. Many a time I went down on my hands and knees, or bent over a chair to get relief. I took everything I could hear of in the way of medicines, but found no cure until I began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. The first bottle

America'

The testimonials published by Hood's Sarsaparilla are not from people anxious to advertise themselves, nor are they purchased, but they are from people who have been cured and are willing to tell the story of their cures for the benefit of others who are suffering, and who by this story may be led to take food's Sarsaparilla, the medicine which cures when all others fail. These testimonials are unequalled in number or quality the world over. We have hundreds from this State alone. They all unite in the verdict that America's Greatest Medicine is

cine he was entirely cured. I also had an eruption in the early spring, and after using a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla was Mrs. NETTIE RYAN."

Entirely Cured.

WELLSBURG, W. VA .- "I was taken down with sciatic rheumatism and was confined to my bed all winter. When spring opened I was able to walk on crutches, but I was taken worse again each following winter. I finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it has entirely cured me of a disease that has troubled me for years.

"WILLIAM B. MONTGOMERY."

Greatest medicine that would do me good. He-examined my neck and said if anything would cure me it was Hood's Sarsaparilla.

He advised me to purchase three bottles and I did so and began taking the medicine. In a short time there was a decided improvement, and I continued the use of Hood's Sarsaparilia until a complete cure had been effected. It is now four years since I was afflicted, and no symptom of the disease has ever returned. Hood's Sarsaparilla has done me good in other respects, and I give it all the praise for the health I enjoy.

"C. C. BAILEY, Champaign, Ill."

Medicine

nervous prostration. At the earnest request of a neighbor I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in a little while I was much gratified to find I could eat and sleep better. This encouraged me to continue, and in two months I improved so much that folks began to say 'How Much Better You Look.'

I have now taken five bottles, and am perfectly cured. All those bad feelings are gone, and I have gained in weight. I feel so thankful for what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done, I cannot help praising it to every one.

"Mrs. FRED A. TURNER, Barre, Vt."

taken three. The severe pain in my back headaches, distress in my stomach, is fact, all traces of dyspepsia have ceased. and I eat sleep, and work and feel s much better that I cannot thank Hood's Sarsaparilla enough. I now have none of the blues, tired feeling, or sleeplessness I earnestly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as the best medicine for dyspepsia and distress in the stomach.

"JONATHAN STEELY, 1119 Windson street, Reading, Pa." Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all drug-

gists, \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

SARSAPARILL

THE HUNT CLUB'S MEET.

Large Turnout and a Fine Evening's Sport Enjoyed.

members of the Hunt Club met yesterday afternoon at Rio Vista and enjoyed one of the best and most pleasant runs of the season, the weather went by Green's Pond, through Grant's and Ashburner's, by Horse Pen branch, went by Green's Pond, through Grant's and Ashburner's, by Horse Pen branch, through Westwood, Palmer's, Chantilly. Acca, to the club-house. Though there were several mishaps, no one was hurt, and nearly every horse and rider who was at the meet showed up at the finish. As the season draws to a close the attendance on the hunts increases, and new faces are seen in the field of riders. Special mention must be made of Dr. Tritton's chestnut horse, who was ridden by Louis Croxton, who jumped clean and straight. Several members are getting their horses ready for the races, and a great deal of interest is being taken as to whose horse will do the best in the special races for the home hunters. Amongst those who contemplate bringing horses from a distance to the races on April 28th and 20th is Mr. Irvin M. Megargee, of Philadelphia, who is a well-known member of the Rose Tree and Radnor Hunts, Mr. Megargee will bring five horses, both for the steeplechases and flat races. He will also bring his celbrated heavy-weight hunter, Foxey, though he will not start him here, as he is entered at the Washington Horse Show, which follows the hunt club races. The following members of the club were in the saddle: Mr. H. C. Beattie, M. F. H.; Dr. Joseph A. White and Miss Sophie White, Dr. Tritton, Major O. S. Allen, Messrs, L. C. Younger, A. H. Christian, Jr., W. A. Townes, Stewart Bryan, Jonathan Bryan, E. H. Savage, J. T. Anderson, J. R. J. Anderson, F. D. Meanley, Dr. I. H. White, and Master Everett Waddey, Jr.

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Locomotives for Richmond. The Richmond Locomotive-Works have

eived orders in the past week as fol-

heavy freight engines of the tenled type, with cylinders 20 inches in eter by 26 inches stroke, for the St. Southwestern rallway (the Cotton-

Belt route).

One simple and one compound mogul engine and five locomotive boilers for the Chicago Great Western railway, and two locomotive boilers for the Columbus, Hocking Valley, and Toledo railroud.

The value of these orders is about the one

Delegate Folkes to Practice Law.

Hon. Eiben C. Folkes, who represented this city in the last Legislature, and who made such a spirited fight for the sheriffalty in the recent primary, has decided to commence the practice of law in this city. Mr. Folkes is a graduate of the law department of Richmond College, and enters upon his profession with excellent mental equipments. He is a forcible and aggressive speaker.

Illness of Mr. Hardy Noel.

Mr. Hardy Noel, son of Dr. W. F. Noel, the West-End druggist, is very ill at his father's residence, No. 1502 west Main street. He has spinal meningitis, and there is little hope of his recovery. He was a telegraph operator in Richmond several years ago, and later went to Cumberland Courthouse as depot agent and operator for the Farmville and Powhatan road.

Will Not Celebrate To-Night.

Rev. Mr. Sweeney will preach at both services to-day at the Seventh-Street church. The celebration of the Young Men's Missionary Society's anniversary does not take place to-night, as at first intended, and Mr. Sweeney will deliver a usual Sabbath evening discourse.

Dr. Hale to the Men.

The meeting for men held last night at The meeting for men held last night at the Grace-Street Baptist tabernacie was largely attended, and addresses of a deeply helpful nature were made by both Drs. Hatcher and Hale. Dr. Hale will preach at both services at the tabernacle to-day, at Il and 8 o'clock. In the afternoon he will speak in the children's meeting. Dr. Hale will also preach at the tabernacle during this week at 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock P. M.

Alleged Safe-Blowers Sent On. ROANOKE, VA., March 25.—(Special.)— fames Moore and William Howard, the illeged safe-blowers, were given a pre-timinary hearing to-day before United States Commissioner M. P. Frantz. Both

States Commissioner M. P. Frantz. Both men were held for the grand jury at Danville in April.

Miss Lucy Lee Pitzer, a daughter of the late Major A. L. Pitzer, and a sister-in-law of M. F. Bragg, travelling passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, died at the latter's residence this morning.

Suffocated by Foul Gas. ROANOKE, VA., March 26.—(Special.)— Jaka Smith, a colored well-digger, was suffocated yesterday while slaking a well in Brackett Town, in Roanoke county. He struck foul air at the depth of 90

TO ENLARGE THE CHURCH, Salem Baptists Will Improve Their

House of Worship. SALEM, VA., March 26.—(Special.)—At a business meeting, held recently at the

Baptist church, a committee was appointed to secure plans, investigate the ost, etc., for enlarging the church building. It is proposed to extend the edifice back 25 feet, and to make the addition is back 25 feet, and to make the addition 10 feet wider on each side than the present building, thus giving a seating capacity for about three hundred more persons. The interior will also undergo changes, and raised seats will be put in. The alterations contemplated will cost about \$2,500, and when made it will be the handsomest house of worship in town.

CRESCENT CITY RACES.

Others Realize \$895. NEW ORLEANS, March 26.-Cloudy weather; fast track. At a sale in the paddock, Lobengula, 6-year-old, by Hud-

Lobengula Sold for \$950-Twelve

ion-Hulu, was sold to William Hoffman for \$250. Twelve others realized \$895. First race—seven furionss—Carrie Lyle (2 to 1) won, Corelli (7 to 2 and even) second, Oniner (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:29. Second race—four furionss—Frank Bell (25 to 1) won, Mouseitoff (12 to 5 and 4 to 1) second, Romany Rawney (5 to 1) third.

ing Brush (7 to 1) won, Pete Kitchen (7 to 5 and 3 to 5) second, Royal Choice (7 to Time, 1:49.

Fourth race-handleap, six furlongs-Fervor (4 to 1) won, Pat Morrissey (8 to 5 and 7 to 1) second, Brighton (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:14.

third. Time, 134.

Fifth race—mile and a quarter—Bag-pipe (10 to 1) won, Billy McKenzie (25 to 1 and 8 to 1) second, Mellie (2 to 1) third. Time, 2:10.
Sixth race—mile and a sixteenth—Jim
Hogg (11 to 5) won, Fred. Barr (4 to 1
and 8 to 5) second, His Brother (7 to 2)
third. Time, 1:49 3-4.

THE OLD NORTH STATE CAPITAL.

Governor Russell Has Returned-Lights in the Penitentiary.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 26.-(Special.) Chairman Caldwell, of the Railway Commission, designates next Tuesday as the day for hearing the exceptions filed by all the railways to the order reducing the freight rate on firewood in car-load

It is the current belief that on the ame day the commission will take some action regarding the matter of the pas-

action regarding the matter of the passenger rates.

It was stated last night by Railway-Commissioner Abbott that as far back as 1830 Robert M. Douglas favored making the Council of State a railway commission. So Chairman Caldwell's idea along that line is no new thing.

It is now stated that the contest for the presidency of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway next week will be between D. W. Patrick and T. D. Hewitt, both directors. GOVERNOR RUSSELL IN TOWN.

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Governor Russell returned to the city
this morning. Much interest attached to
his return, as the fate of John Evans,
the negro convicted of criminal assault,
was to be decided, and also the question
whether Mehegan and Latham, of Tarboro', the alleged bank wreckers, were
to be sent to Georgia—in other words,
whether Governor Atkinson's requisition
for them was to be honored.

There are many cases of measles here,
not only among children, but also among
adults.

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Last evening here a 19-year-old negro boy shot his aunt with a pistol, the bullet entering below the heart. It was an accident. He fled, however, and the woman is in a hospital.

Langdon, charged with forgery, and Young, charged with burglary, both in jail here, waive preliminary hearing. They will be tried next week. The cases are dead against both of them.

At Trinity College on commencement-day the corner-stone of the Baxter Craven-Memorial building will be laid. The building will cost \$19.000, and Rev. N. M. Jurney, of Mt. Olive, gives \$1,000 of this amount.

A Populist paper says the State convention of the party will be held May 25th, the same day as the Democratic convention.

LIGHT FOR THE PRISONERS. Light are being placed in front of each rell in the penitentiary so prisoners can sit in their cells near the door and read for an hour each night. This is done at the request of the United States Government for Federal prisoners, and it is justiced to give State convicts the same activities.

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Work has been suspended on all the river and harbor improvements in North Carolina, and laborers employed have been sent to Fort Caswell to work on the additional gun emplacement which it has been found necessary to construct in addition to the three emplacements recently finished. Electric lights were put up to-day so work can go on at night. Over two hundred men are at work to-night under forty-six electric lights.

Best of All.

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine, Manufactured by the California Fig-Syrup Company only, and for sale by all druggists. at 53 cents per bottle.

feet, and died before he could be extricated from his perilous position.

Eunace, the 3-year-old son of W. J.
Ayers, fell from the second-story window of his father's residence, on Salem avenue, yesterday evening, breaking his right leg and cutting a severe gash in his lip.

BIG SENSATION.

AN ARTILLERYMAN'S DISAPPEARANCE.

Suspected of Having Given Fortification Secrets to Spain-Colonel Frank Does Not Think He Would Stoop So Low-Expects War.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 26 .-(Special.)-The Dispatch correspondent received reliable information to-night that Sergeant Tscherning, of Battery H, Fourth Artillery, Fort Monroe, mysteriously disappeared last Thursday morning, and Colonel Frank, the commandant, is very anxious to learn his whereabouts.

It is common talk among the officers and men that Tscherning carried with him when he went a complete set of the plans of the fortifications, showing the exact position of every gun, converted rifle, and mortar behind the walls of Fort Monroe, the most important and bestprotected stronghold on the Atlantic Coast, and the key to Newport News ship-yard, the Norfolk navy-yard, and the

COLONEL FRANK INTERVIEWED. I called on Colonel Frank at the Fort nd he confirmed the report of Tscherning's unexpected disappearance At first the shrewd old soldler was not inclined to speak of the matter, but finally consented when he learned that I was n possession of the facts. "Tscherning's disappearance was reported to me several ago," said Colonel Frank, "and his captain was of the opinion that he was he has ever been away so long before. He s an expert civil engineer, and has always proved himself to be a capable, trustworthy man. While I am informed that he carried plans with him, I know that he has none of the fort's property. He may have made plans of his own. I do not believe, however, that Tscherning

would stoop to such an act." The only plans that would be of use to an enemy are those of the masked battery of sixteen mortars and the disappearing gun, which are under double guard. Tscherning is thoroughly acquainted with the plan of these important de-fences. There have been several Span-iards evidently of some distinction at the ort within the past week, and the artillerymen incline to the belief that Tschern. ing has been bribed to reveal what he knows about the strength of Fort Mon-Tscherning was instructor in the artillery school.

PROSPECTS OF WAR.

Speaking of the prospects of war to-ight, Colonel Frank had this to say: "I believe that war will surely result be-tween the United States and Spain, and very shortly, too. The administration will not need to make the first declaration. The sending of a torpedo fictilia to American waters is an overt act, and any

the property. In case of war with Spain, Monterey In case of war with spain, address is pretty sure to have two boys who will take some part in the fray—Messrs. Frank Wilson and John Waybright, both of whom have been in the standing army for several years. Mr. Wilson has been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Mr. Waybright, on the Pacific Slope. SALE OF A CHURCH. The old Methodist church at this place will be sold by public auction on April 2d, the object being to make room for the new one. The old church was used

during the war as a camp for the sol-

diers sojourning here, and many of their names and the number of their regiments, &c., are yet to be seen on its walls.

Mr. J. A. Whitelaw, one of our enterprising merchants, is in the North buying his spring stock. The indications are that the largest lot of good ever brought to Monterey will be in stock this spring. This venture is based upon the presumption that the wool trade of the county will be largely in excess of previous years, as the good prices, both for lambs and wool, have caused the farmers, large and small, to stock their lands to their full capacity, and the outlook is for lively bidding for this product during the season now close at hand.

Mr. Joseph Wimer, of Crabbottom; Mr. Harrison Stalnaker, of Jackson River, and Mrs. Jonas Hevener, of Hightown, are amongst the sick of this county, whose cases are considered quite critical.

J. Riley Crummitt, of Headwaters, who was recently tried for selling liquor, contrary to law, and discharged for want of proper endence, was this week charged with selling cider and fined \$20 by Justice B. T. Hook, E. H. McClintic, attorney for Crummitt, took an appeal, and the case was tried in Judge Chaikley's Court, which convened on Thursday, the result being a hung jury.

The case of John E. Sipe vs. C. T.

being a hung jury.

The case of John E. Sipe vs. C. T. Flisher, trustee, &c., was decided in favor

of the plaintiff.

Representative Flood and E. H. Barkley, of the Lexington Gazette, were circulating amongst the voters Thursday, looking after their interests in the coming political contest.

Mr. Roger Atkinson, correspondent of the Dispatch from Staunton, was also present on court-day.

present on court-day. SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE.

A Much-Needed Rain-Farm Work-Scottsville Locals.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., March 26.-(Special Control of the cial.)-It rained here all day yesterday. The rain was really needed through this section, as the land had not recovered from the severe drought of last year, and many wells are still almost dry. Never has I seen the face of nature change more rapidly and completely than it has done in the last few days. Peach trees and flowering shrubs are in full bloom, and the buds are bursting and putting out leaves on a large number of trees. Wheat, oats, and grass are covering the ground rapidly, and the main question that troubles our farmers now is that of frosts, which may come almost any night and suddenly dash all their fine hopes. Our farmers are generally well up in fallowing for corn, and are now turning up their fields, fencing, &c., getting ready to plant as soon as it is safe. Most of them have been quite successful with their lambs this season, but none nore so than the manager on Senator Martin's farm, "Scottlands." I learn he has the earliest and best lot of lambs in this section. The Senator is getting the greater portion of his beautiful and valuable estate set to grass as rapidly as possible, for which it is admirably adapted.

Messrs, Lane Brothers & Co., who had the contract for grading the entire track of the Alberene railroad to Warren, finished their contract last Saturday, and are engaged this week in moving their camp equipuge, commissary stores, &c. to Alberene, where they have a contract with the company to grade a place for the depot, yard, and round-house. The rails are being laid down as rapidly as possible now, and we soon expect to be able to visit the prosperous young town of Alberene in a carriage drawn by the iron horse. We don't hear the question of extending the road to Charlottesville spoken of much lately, but would not be surprised if it should be built the coming summer.

Mr. H. B. Harris, of Bluefield, W. Va., its still at his old home here. Mr. C. B. The rain was really needed through this section, as the land had not recovered

tion. The sending of a torpedo fictilla to American waters is an overt act, and any of our warships would be justified in stopping the little destroyers with shot, and without any special orders from Washington. Fort Monroe is very well fortified, although I must admit that I have not a sufficient number of men to man my guns. They took away four batteries and sent only one, which leaves me about 175 men short."

The first-class battleship Massachusetts arrived this afternoon from Key West. The Terror sailed from Old Point painted black, half way.

The Massachusetts boats are being painted to-night. The Brooklyn will be changed from white to black to-morrow or Monday night.

JOSEPH RILEY'S HOME BURNED.

Old Methodist Church at Monterey Sold—County News.

MONTEREY, VA., March 25.—(Special.) The residence of Mr. Joseph Riley, near Green Bank, Pocahontas county, W. Va., was destroyed by fire a fow nights ago. At first the flames were supposed to be of incendiary origin, but later reports tend to disprove this theory. The loss to Mr. Riley is great, as the house was comparatively new, and had just ben fall have planted. An cild lady and saveral children were in the residence at the time, and barely made their escape by means of a second-story window, the children being first dropped to the ground, then being first dropped to the ground the holder and other was a destroyed by the lady herself. We are informed that there was no insurance on the property.

In case of war with Spain, Monterey is pretty sure to have two boys who will yes ordered and barely made their escape by means of a second-story window, the children being first dropped to the ground the more keenly felt.

Artful Willie.

Artful Will.

Willie Boy: If I promise to learn my lesson, papa, will you give me a quarter? Papar Yes, my Son.

Willie Boy: If I promise to learn my lesson, papa, will you give me a quarter? Papa: Yes, my son.
Willie Boy: And what will you give me if I do learn it?

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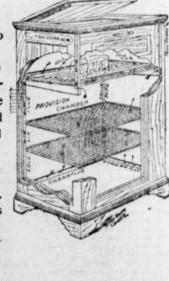
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